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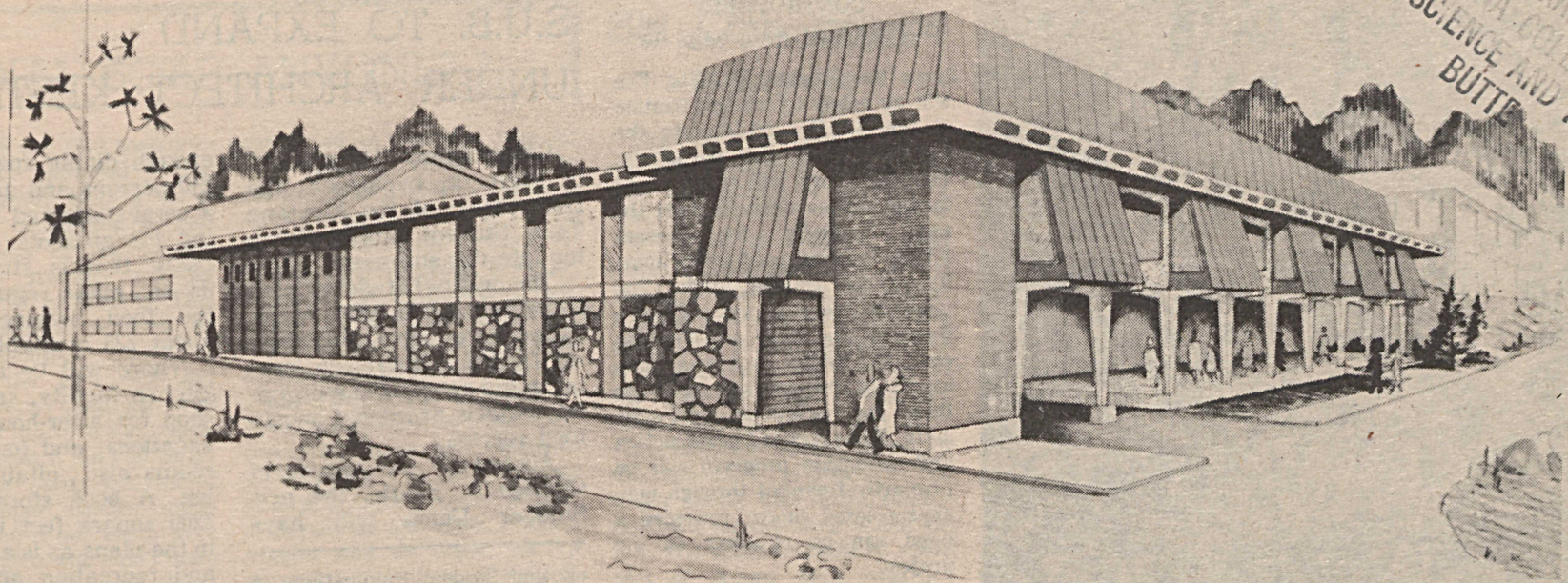
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TECH ORATORS TO BOZEMAN

Plan for coming tournies

The Montana Tech speech team traveled to Bozeman the weekend of January 10th to participate in the annual Treasure State competition there.

Those making the trip were: Susan Foote, representing oral interpretation; Marge McNellis, oratory; Barbara Musgrove and Tim Flynn, debate; Bruce Waldren, extemp; and Mrs. Alt, coach.

A new kind of judging, contestant evaluation, was tried at this meet in which the participating students judged each other in a given round. Each contestant was scored according to the number of points he received both for his speech and delivery of the speech.

Further efforts of the speech team will be centered at the Montana Inter-collegiate tournament which will be held at Montana Tech the 7th and 8th of February. Anyone who is interested and will be available to help with the work involved in making this program successful is asked to see Mrs. Alt as soon as possible.

Over a hundred and fifty students from the colleges in Montana, including Junior Colleges and private schools will attend. Arrangements for this tournament are being made by Mrs.

Alt, Tech's speech coach, and Lonnie Mollberg, student manager.

Trophies for first place winners in oral interpretation, extemp, oratory, and debate will be awarded, plus a sweepstakes trophy. The awards banquet will take place at the Holiday Inn Saturday night.

Two finalists are picked in oratory, one from the men's division and one from the women's division. As a special feature of this tournament these two finalists will compete against each other for the annual Montana Power trophy cup presentation, originated in the 1920's.

These two finalists in oratory are then eligible to attend the National Speech meet held at Wayne State University in Detroit in May. They will compete with students from all over the United States. The six finalists from this competition will have their winning speech published in a book called, *Winning Orations*.

Further scheduled trips for Tech's speech team after the state tournament will be the Wymont Tournament at Rocky Mountain College and after that the Spearfish, South Dakota tournament.

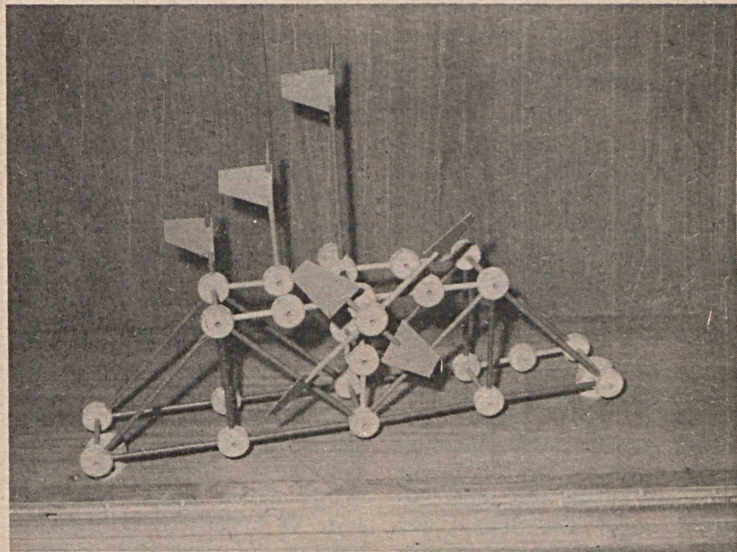
SUB controversy aired in dialogue

by Mike Dewey

The artist's drawing of the preliminary plans of the proposed remodeled and expanded Student Union Building appeared recently in the *Montana Standard*. The article accompanying the illustration is herein reproduced on page 2, column 4. This article came as a surprise to many and resulted in a dialogue between the administration and the *Amplifier*. It is the purpose of this article to make clear the status of the S.U.B. expansion project and the role the administration and students share in this most important program.

The program was initially begun several years ago when the proposal was discussed by the Student Council headed by the former president of the A.S.M.T., Henry Stolz, and the administration. The Council made a list of requests and needs of the student body. During last year a first preliminary set of plans were made available and the administration once more contacted the Council, over a period of time, during which further suggestions were made. The Board of Control was then given the preliminary plans, and their approval was obtained to continue. The second preliminary plans were finished this month. This is in essence the progress that has been made to date.

The expansion of the S.U.B. is necessary for the overall growth and development of the college. The overall scheme of the project entails the construction of a central food service in the S.U.B. open to all. This would take the place of the present food service in the Residence Hall available only to



Truss contest deadline soon

The Great Truss Contest is on! The Engineering Science Dept. is encouraging Tech students to participate in the Truss Design Contest.

The purpose of the contest, said Mr. Herndon, is to create interest in the Engineering Science Dept. and in this type of program in general. Other schools have promoted similar contests, and it is hoped that this, our

the residents of the dormitory. The completion of the expanded S.U.B. would make it possible for the dormitory to undergo the second phase of the project, a complete remodeling program, which would approximately double the present capacity of the facility.

Various aspects of the project seem to have been distorted through ignorance on the part of the student body. The college has within its power the right to levy up to \$60.00 per year Student Building Fees per student. The present level is \$15.00 per annum. If the S.U.B. is expanded, the Student Building Fee is envisioned at being \$35.00 per year. The money derived (Continued page 2 column 3)

first, will be equally successful.

If enough interest is shown in this contest, Mr. Herndon also hinted at a proposed raw egg launching contest, and attempted "whole" recovery, for M-Day.

The entry fee deadline is 5 P.M. today with \$1.00 fee per truss requirement, and the deadline for submission of trusses is 5 P.M. on Tues., Feb. 4.

Destruction of the trusses by loading will take place at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, February 7 at a place to be announced later. The highest value of

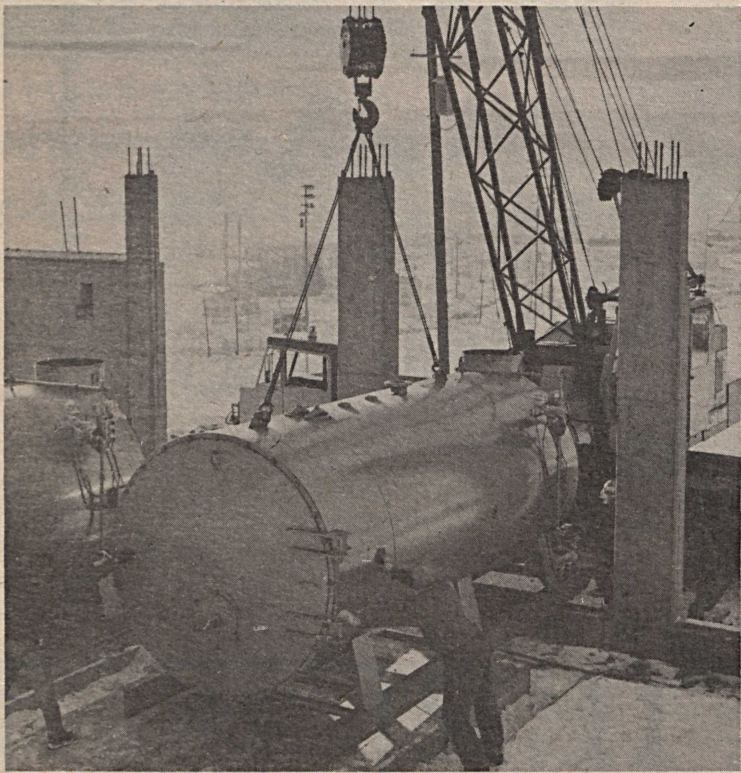
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will determine the winning truss or trusses.

Only balsa wood and glue may be used, and the truss must be within 26 inches in length, 6 inches in width, and 8 inches in height. Trusses must have a minimum of 23 pieces, not weighing over one-fourth pound, and the members may not be laminated.

Additional rules are posted on bulletin boards around campus. Make this contest a success, truss enthusiasts!



Boiler tanks for the new physical plant under construction on the Montana Tech campus are lifted for installation. The plant will house two tanks but has room for expansion as the campus grows. Shown working

on the boiler are Gary Quam and Chuck Kiss of Walsh Engineering Co., Butte. The plant is scheduled for completion early this summer and will cost about \$178,742.

Drugs vs. consequences

by Gary Rowe

Drug abuse is on the increase in our country. More and more people, of which the age group is constantly lowering, are experimenting with drugs. Even though most of the drugs that are abused are non-addictive, they pose a threat to the user's health and to social order.

Hallucinogens, which include marijuana, LSD, peyote, and mescaline, are the drugs most commonly abused. Of this group, marijuana is the one most frequently used. The person who takes it experiences a distortion of time and space and feels a sense of euphoria. Although there is no evidence to date that marijuana causes damage to physical health, it can be psychologically addictive or it can entice the user to turn on to something more powerful. The next step is usually to L.S.D.. L.S.D. is such a powerful drug, that in its pure state, a drop the size of a pin head could turn on every student at Montana Tech. The LSD user sees vivid colors and has severe distortions of perception. Persons with latent psychological disorders can become extremely violent and lose all touch with reality. Some persons who have taken it have become psychotic and have never returned to reality. There is also evidence that LSD causes damage to the chromosomes. With all of this data compiled against the drug a recent survey showed that 20% to 30% of students on College campuses have had experience with the drug.

Stimulants are another form of commonly abused drug. These include, methedrine or speed, pep pills, and other amphetamines. When these drugs are abused they cause a rapid build up of tolerance. That is, each time the user takes it he must effect he desires. These types of drugs are dangerous because they quickly lead to a psychological dependence on the drug experience. Methedrine, commonly called speed, causes a state of hyperactivity initially, but as it progresses it turns into generally aggressive type of behavior. Speed will quickly destroy the users central nervous system and leave him without a brain.

With all the dangers to health put aside, before an individual takes any of these drugs he should consider the consequences he would suffer from the law if he was caught. In all states it is a crime to possess marijuana or other narcotics. If a person was experimenting with it for the first time and he was caught he could face a jail sentence which would mar his future. The user, when he is doing such tasks as driving, threatens the lives and property of people around him. With the release of inhibitions and increase in motor activity, the user cannot function socially. So before a person should decide to take his magic carpet ride, he should first consider the consequences he could suffer to his health and future.

CONTROVERSY

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from the Student Building Fee will go solely to the mortization of the S.U.B. and not to the remodeling of the dormitory. The dormitory will be financed by the money derived from the rent. Secondly, the present S.U.B. is being paid for primarily out of college funds. The students are carrying only one-third of the total amortization cost. The college money is made available through sources other than appropriations from the state. The proposed construction and expansion program will be primarily financed through non-appropriated funds; provided a bond can be obtained on the project.

Once the bonding has been secured, then the architect can draw up the final plans on the building and the contract be opened for bidding. Once the contract has been let, construction could begin. It is hopeful that progress will be made such that construction can begin during the latter part of the summer. That would make the finished structure available for the fall of 1970.

There is also the misconception that the proposed project must be sanctioned and approved by the A.S.M.T. The present building belongs to the State of Montana, and the administration has the right to modify the present facility as they see fit without consulting the student body. It, however, is the intention of the administration to cooperate in every way with the desires of the students. The administration is desirous of promoting the open dialogue between faculty and students, and from the conception of the project has kept in touch with the Council.

The proposed facilities have three times the floor space as that of the present structure. The two dining rooms are designed so that they can be opened into a single large room whenever dances are held. This will provide three times the area presently available for dances. The plans call for a large lounge in addition to a greatly expanded book store and recreational area. Rooms will also be available for student meetings as well as offices for the Student Council.

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S.U.B. TO EXPAND UNDER ARCHITECT KESTLE

Construction is planned to start on expansion and renovation of the Montana Tech Student Union Building late this summer.

The original Student Union Building, built in 1959, will be expanded to house food service facilities, therefore leaving more room in the dormitory which presently houses food service.

According to architect Charles A. Kestle, the new Student Union will have

cil and Student Publications. A large courtyard is designed under the dining area to provide for further expansion of the S.U.B. in the far future. The facilities of the proposed expansion are based on an estimated enrollment of 1500 with the facilities adequate to handle 2900 students.

Tech joins WICHE

Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology has been selected by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) to join in a recently-begun study of the educational and financial aspects of the 12 western schools with programs in mineral engineering. Dr. Kevin P. Bunnell, WICHE associate director, announced today.

"This study, which was initia-

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PEOPLE'S CAPITALISM

Kremlin communists refer to the United States in discrediting tone as a capitalistic country.

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DIAL SOAP ANYONE? ?

Remember the Dial soap joke that recently appeared in the *Amplifier*? After quite a bit of controversy concerning it, certain members of the paper's staff asked students whether they felt jokes such as the Dial soap one added to or detracted from the *Amplifier*.

Most of the girls felt that it was a pretty dead joke and did not add much to the paper. Several thought it did add something to the paper and added that the paper needed something to liven it up. There were even a few girls who didn't quite understand the joke and therefore had little to say when asked how they felt about it.

"Due to the fact the *Amplifier* is distributed to high schools to promote Tech. the jokes appearing in the paper should show a high level of maturity. Soap is not necessarily a cleaning agent for jokes."

Gary Snyder—Engineering Science
"I think the joke was out of place in the *Amplifier*, because of the nature and the purpose of the paper."

Ernest Bond—Geology
"Happiness to me is having more girls at the school dances than boys."

Dan Lewis—Engineering
"Vedy Interesting."

Larry Evankovich—Engineering
"I don't think that it was in too good of taste."

Lawrence Baxter—Engineering
"Wrong paper, Maybe Butte, but not Tech."

Nels Anderson—Engineering
"A society which spends more on napalm than contraceptives needs psychoanalysis — now!"

George Waring—Faculty
"I think that it adds a lot of class to the school newspaper."

Terry Bjorkman—General
"These jokes add to the excitement of the school newspaper."

Bob McLeod—General
"Happiness is a depth of life that cannot be brought about by a bar of soap."

Miles France—General
"It seems to me that one is

compelled to see this joke as a pinnacle of virtue when he realizes that it emerged from a society which played *The Boston Strangler* for its Christmas movie. Generally speaking, however, I am of the opinion that happiness is a much too important matter to be laughed at in such a cursory, negative manner. But I am also of the opinion that young people are not so much corrupted by our bad examples as they are corrupted by our failure to offer any worthwhile examples at all. Thus I would suggest that we begin, not by censoring this piece of writing, but rather by creating a society in which love is something other than a dirty joke and in which murder is not an acceptable purgation of our emotions — whether this purgation be televised or played for real in Viet Nam."

J. H. Albertson—Faculty

"I believe that jokes have a definite place in college newspapers. In fact it seems to me that the paper is a definite improvement over the paper of years past. Keep up the good work."

Bruce Wright—Engineering
"Enjoyed the jokes in the last several issues of the *Amplifier*. Good to have some variety. Why be prudish?"

Henry McClernan—Geology

"The *Amplifier* has a very difficult position to fill. Any news that the *Amplifier* can print is sadly out of date. In order to stimulate interest in the paper something must be done. The jokes, although somewhat off color, do stimulate interest if nothing else. I feel for one that you're doing very well this year."

Gardner Dahl—Geology
"I have just heard, some people have complained about the jokes in the *Amplifier*. They think everyone should just read the news articles. Believing that this is a free country I am willing to strike up a deal with these people. They can read the news articles and I'll read all the jokes for them."

John Blumer—Geology
"As I see it the jokes that appear in the *Amplifier* are not off color at all. You can pick up an evening newspaper in any city, and read worse things in such columns as Ann Landers or Dear Abby."

Bob Mordan—General

Ski Club travels

by Bob Chebul

The Montana Tech Ski Club recently traveled to Rainy Mountain on the first of this year's events.

A parade of vehicles spilled forth eighteen members of the Montana Tech Ski Club at Rainy Mountain Recreation Area January 2, 1969. A certain sense of insanity seemed to reign at the area until their departure on the evening of January 4.

In between these dates all the members crowded in as much skiing and other sundry functions as the time would allow. The coeds established some sort of record item with an amazingly fast run of an hour and fifteen minutes. And in order not to get anything like a tan, a poker game was established in the lodge. Swimming and lodging were available at Elk Horn Hot Springs, a short distance from the ski area.

Due to the success of this first trip, future trips are now being planned. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the ski club.

Bureau in Colstrip

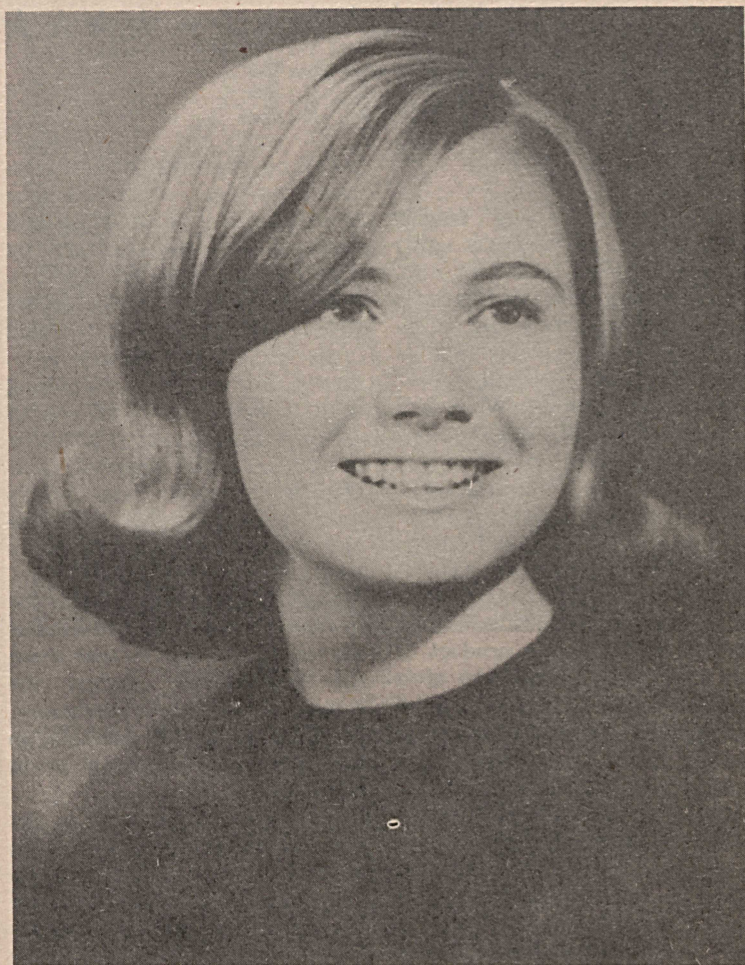
Reclamation of strip-mined coal land at Colstrip, Montana is advancing with the signing of an agreement between the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology at Montana Tech and Western Energy Company, announced Uno M. Sahinen, associate director of the Bureau.

Western Energy, a subsidiary of the Montana Power Co., is producing coal for the first new steam-electric generating station in Billings, the Jack Corette Plant and other markets.

The Montana Bureau of Mines will serve as co-ordinator for the State on reclamation of the land near Colstrip, according to Sahinen. W. P. Schmechel of Butte, vice president of Western Energy, signed for the company. Sahinen and Dr. Koch, president at Montana Tech and director of the bureau signed for the college.

Sahinen said the bureau has the responsibility of evaluating the reclamation work being done.

"The function of the bureau is to evaluate the reclamation and also to co-ordinate the work of all other agencies which might enter the picture, such as the Fish and Game Dept." Sahinen said.



Miss Toni Driscoll, to be crowned Feb. 14

CIRCLE K ELECTS SWEETHEART

Toni Driscoll, a sophomore majoring in Geological Engineering, was named by the Circle K Club of Montana Tech as their 1969 Sweetheart. Barbara Marinovich and Jo Ann Murray, both freshman general students were chosen as the Sweetheart's Attendants. Miss Driscoll will be crowned by the 1968 Sweetheart, Linda Tretheway, at the Valentine's Day dance tentatively scheduled for Feb. 14 in the Tech Student Union Building.

Miss Driscoll is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll of Butte. She is a 1967 graduate of Girls' Central High School, and will graduate from Tech in June of 1972.

As Circle K Sweetheart, Miss Driscoll will represent Tech in the Miss Montana Circle K con-

test. She will also be the official hostess for the Montana District Circle K Convention to be held in Butte April 11-13. Her attendants will also assist the Sweetheart in giving the Tech Circle K Club's activities a feminine touch.

Miss Marinovich is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eom Marinovich of Butte. She resides with her parents at 2225 Cherry St. and is a 1968 graduate of Girls' Central High School.

Miss Murray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murray of Butte. She resides with her parents at 803 W. Granite St. She also is a 1968 graduate of Girls' Central.

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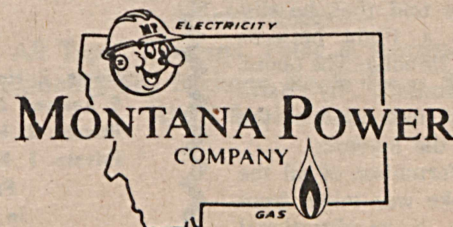
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BUTTE

By Lloyd J. Little

The question is—why? Why is Butte looked down on as ugly? The answer to this question, which most people fail to ask, is a revealing indictment of traditional cultural standards—and of the people who hold them.

First the question: What is it about Butte that sets it apart from virtually all other cities? What are the characteristics which make it virtually unique?

Butte did not happen by accident. Butte is not the typical collection basket for centuries of whimsically drifting human debris. It is not the product of an emperor's whim, nor of a dictator's gun. It is not the quiet agricultural cross-roads that quietly grew into a quiet agricultural community.

Butte is the bald face of an icy knob suddenly carved into a city by individual men who came to make a living where no men lived before. Butte is the frozen ledge where great men dug in for the winter, where nature said no and the will of individual men said yes. Butte is the uphill battlefield where intransigent men wrenched a living out of nature's frigid fist.

The headframes on Butte Hill are the living monuments to that struggle—a struggle waged even today by every productive citizen of Butte. The mine and railroad whistles are the only trumpets announcing the fray—the quiet but resolute determination of man to secure his living goes on unrecognized, uncompromised.

Concretized in the mines on Butte Hill and the city below is a relationship between man and nature which most would prefer to ignore—the fact that life is not a given, that man's existence on earth depends exclusively on clear-cut, scrupulously rational thought and the will to implement such thought by practical action.

But cowards do not like battlefields, and loafers seek to avoid struggle. Modern culture reinforces the rotters by teaching man that the source of wealth (man's intelligent, productive effort) is necessary evil, that business is ignoble, that man's quest to sustain his existence should be covered up as a guilty secret.

Yet Butte can not hide the source of its wealth without searching to exist. To tear down the headframes, destroy the mines, level the businesses, blast the highways, and tear up the rails would be instant death to the city.

Butte can only say no to the cultural standards which damn it for its honesty. Butte, by its very nature, can only continue to offend the soft, the weak-kneed, the children who must take their medicine sugar-coated. Butte is a practical lesson in economics, as well as American history, which drooling, droopy-lipped pedants will continue to ignore or dismiss as a "shameful, but insignificant incident illustrating the evils of capitalism."

Let them spit. For like men who have had a beautiful woman, and know first-hand the loveliness of her body (damned as sinful by hatred-crazed mystics), citizens know Butte to be a working monument to the strength of free men.

There are those who have always been offended by such a spectacle. Let them discover the wheel and move.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in reference to a certain "filler" in the November 15th issue which reads as follows:

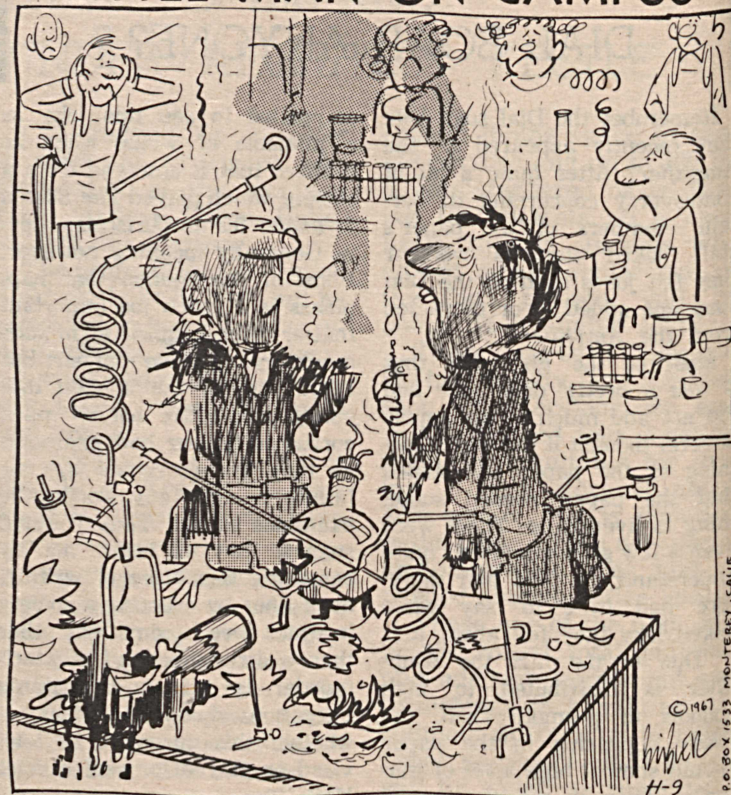
Why do so many women use Dial soap? Because Dial spelled backwards means happiness.

My question to you is "What was your intention in putting this off-color joke into the student newspaper?" Was it to embarrass the proponents of Tech who read the Amplifier to see how their funds are being spent? Was it to offend our supporting politicians who are sent copies also? Or was it to discourage parents of future Tech students by showing them what garbage the present student body thinks up and puts into print? Or could it be that you, as an editor really do not know what should or should not go into a student newspaper?

The Amplifier is a newspaper, not a Playboy jokebook. If people want to read off-color jokes they should not be able to go to a student newspaper to do so. Everything has its place, however, a newspaper is not the place for obscene jokes. I object to the use of the Amplifier as a playground for immature thinkers who believe that printing dirty jokes in inappropriate places is amusing. I ask that as our editor you take more care in selecting what you put into our newspaper. Remember you are representing not just yourself, but the entire student body, faculty and alumni. For myself, I would like Montana Tech to be represented as a school for engineering and liberal arts students not a publishing house for dirty joke writers.

Sincerely,
Gordon Crawford

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"— TAKE THE REST OF TH' PERIOD OFF — TOMORROW, HANG AROUND TH' STUDENT UNION — NEXT DAY TAKE IN A MOVIE — BEGINNING TO GET TH' PICTURE, WORTHAL? "

CHANGE INEVITABLE

by Michael Dewey

Time and again we hear that change is inevitable, and in complying with the criticism of the editorial policy, the following is set forth. When change comes to Tech, sooner or later, either in a revitalization plan or in the death throws of a once great educational institution, thinking constructively, I have in my stay at Tech been confronted by a most unusual paradox. Tech lacks most of the modern facilities for providing an education and yet her graduates have been most successful. This phenomena has struck me time and again, and forced me to ponder for great lengths over this problem. I have yet to come up with any answers but propose that before any drastic changes are made at Tech that a committee solve the query, so that the good aspects of Tech be preserved into the future program.

There are various criteria of unique nature that separates Tech's student body from the rest of the university system. Tech's graduates on the whole enter into a highly specialized

industry. It is an industry which offers high monetary reward. However, this reward does not come as a result from the returns of a high caliber productive but rather as a motivation to bring qualified technicians into a not too glamorous or fulfilling industry. This criteria has in the past removed from the list of graduates all those who did not have the stamina, fortitude or intelligence to make the grade of high quality for which Tech is known. I fear that when change does come to Tech, when Tech begins to graduate most of its freshman class, that a compromise will have been made. This compromise will result in Tech's graduating larger numbers of qualified engineers and in addition the loss of the uniqueness which has made many of Tech's graduates highly successful. With this the reputation of the school will be lost for Tech's reputation is not one based on the production of qualified technicians but on the overall success and achievement of her graduates over those of other schools.

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Editor's note

In response to the numerous requests, I shall make known the identity of Camilo Cienfuegos. Camilo was a major in the 2nd National Liberation Front in the 26 of July Movement. He shared command with Major Che Guevara in the victory of the Cuban Revolution over General Fulgencio Batista. Camilo had a falling out with Castro, as he preferred more Social Democratic processes. He was assassinated in an attempt to seize control from Castro. Due to his great popularity this was never revealed in Cuba. The Cubans were told that he disappeared on a flight between Santiago and Habana. The quote, "Voy bien Camilo!", by Castro was the first indication of the rift between the leaders.

For the information of all the Dial Soap joke was taken from the Phoenix, a co-educational magazine published by students from Emory University a Methodist institution.

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Hey, Toni, why don't you have a party and invite your dress down?

That bucket of worms you've been passing around hasn't yielded very many vitamins lately, Zorba.

That's one way of looking at it, Kay, if you can see through your hair, that is.

But Paulette, I don't really think that's what Mr. Parker meant when he said "upward and Onward."

Sue, have you gotten carried away with your position? Most of us think "Silence is Golden" sometimes.

Neil, where did you get that backward philosophy about hormones?

You can bet your sweet 'bippy' that 33% of Tech students are married.

I keep telling you, Shotgun, not to wear green socks; St. Pat's Day is a long way away.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, NO SO? Prof. C.

Love is blind, Gary and Mary. "Somewhere My Love" if you've got five minutes to spare, perhaps you could give a certain coed some attention.

Laugh-In seems to have seeped into the minds of many Tech people; engineers are not immune.

Parking places, where are you?

Card playing has declined and chess playing has become more popular—another indication of the intelligence of Tech students.

Student is Nigger, as shown by the fact that professors may play cards in the SUB and students may not.

It is refreshing to see signs of a sense of humor still evident in students, despite occasional outbursts of temper when certain truths appear in print.

Besides being noted for its overindulgence, Tech may rapidly gain the reputation for shooting, both beaver and moon! Happy hunting, everyone!

Fashion's Corner

Things are going fine in '69 as far as Tech guys are concerned as they watch style conscious coeds out and about.

This year's theme seems to be "Up, Up and Away" when it comes to the length of dresses and skirts. Maybe there is some kind of animal lurking around Tech that scares girls dresses further and further up their thigh. Could this animal be a beaver shooting male?

The main concern around here is to find out whether the girls are trying to get into these short, tight dresses and skirts or if they are trying to get out of them.

The New York Times says that styles *won't* get any shorter this year (Darn?) and drastic changes will be few so this year added expense won't be necessary for a complete new wardrobe.

Some new looks in fashion appeared at the Finlen Hotel here when girls both from Tech and other schools modeled ski outfits and snow mobile suits for the International Snowmobile meet. This proved unanimously that we are at least up to date style wise. Even some new looks in bathing suits were modeled.

I'm afraid that even though things are fine in '69 it will be an awfully cold year for some.

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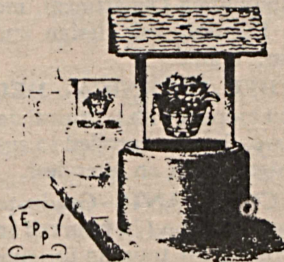
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ted as the request of several western schools and college, will assess the mineral engineering education programs in light of the rapid technological changes occurring in the field," said Dr. Bunnell.

The findings of the WICHE study will be reviewed by a regional advisory board, which will develop a series of recommendations for program improvements.

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A group of retarded children were recently the guests of the annual Sigma Rho Christmas party.

The rooms of the Sigma Rho fraternity house were filled with the excited cries of twenty-seven retarded children December 19, 1968, when they met the spirit of Christmas and jolly old St. Nick. Candy and toys were distributed amongst the children by a very merry Santa Claus in the person of Byron Maxwell.

Dreams of bikes, dolls, and guns were relayed to the fat, jolly man.

The children and their attendants, hailing from the Warm Springs mental institute, were also treated to a luncheon, catered to by several Sigma Rho members and helpful friends.

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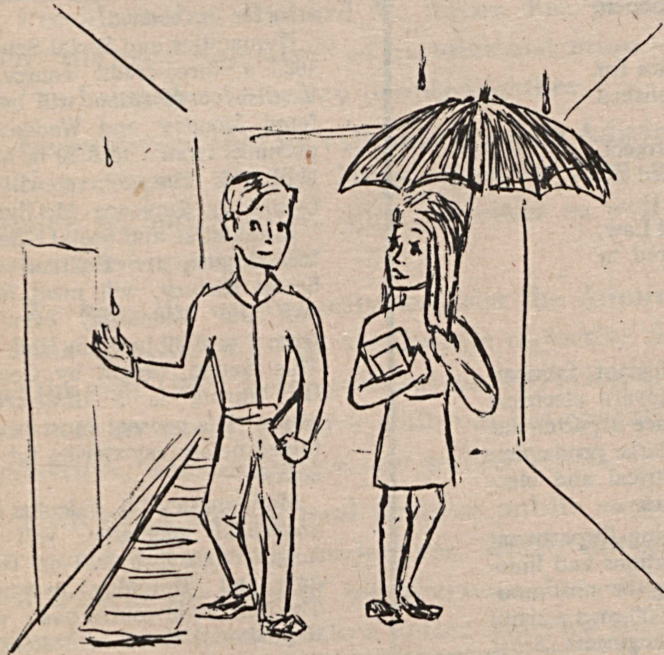
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Weather in Tech tunnels

SAINTS BOMB MINERS

Carroll College's fighting Saints cooled off Montana Tech's hot shooting in the opening minutes of the game and pulled out a 82-73 victory in Tech's gym last Jan. 11.

The Orediggers led 12-1 in the opening minutes of their first conference game, but Carroll slowly found the range behind the shooting of Marc

Racicot and Pat Burns and pulled it out for their second conference victory in as many games.

Kevin MacIntyre, a sophomore from Butte, hit his college high of 29 points mostly on well executed drives in lay ups. Also hitting double figures for Tech were John McEnaney, 13 and Pat O'Brien 10.

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Bethlehem Steel Loop Course Interviews:



MARCH 4

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Night courses are offered

Montana Tech will again offer a program of evening courses, when spring semester begins February 4.

Registration for the evening courses will be made at the first meeting of each course. However, early registration can be done in the registrars office from 7 to 9 P.M. on January 14.

Anyone not now attending Montana Tech this semester must secure an admit to enroll from the registrar before enrolling in the evening courses.

The program of evening courses was expanded last fall so persons who have full-time jobs can get a college education at a reduced rate of progress and eventually get a degree.

The course being taught this spring semester include, Business 102, principles of accounting. This class will meet from 7:30 to 9:00 on Monday and Wednesday evenings in room 104 of the Engineering Bldg. The three credit course, is being taught by Luke Rivers, a certified public accountant from Anaconda. Before registering for the course, consent of the instructor is needed.

Humanities and Social Science 102, a three-credit course in English composition, will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 in Main Hall 106. The course will be taught by Terrence McGlynn.

Humanities and Social Science 366, English and Political and Social History, will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 in Main Hall 115. This course, taught by George H. Waring is a three-credit course. His consent must be obtained before registering for the course.

Mathematics 121, calculus and analytical geometry, will be taught from 7 to 9:30 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The five-credit course has a prerequisite of three semesters of high school algebra, two semesters of geometry and one of trigonometry, or the consent of the instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Satter.

In addition, there will be afternoon classes from 4 to 5:30. A listing of these can be obtained at the registrar's office.

Part-time students and persons attending evening classes who are taking less than seven credits will pay \$69 in fees. A further breakdown of fees may be obtained from the business office.

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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

President-elect Richard M. Nixon has pledged that "the great objective" of his administration will be "to bring the American people together."

He explained that he will have an open Administration, "open to new ideas, open to men and women of both parties, open to critics as well as those who support us."

We have the opportunity to assist the Administration in achieving this worthwhile objective during the year 1969. Petty political maneuvering must give way to sound, positive action at the executive, legislative, administrative and public levels.

Each of us should lend positive public support to sound constructive objectives, which not only will achieve the goal of togetherness, but will accelerate our economy into a better America for all.

On basketball

by Dave Kneebone

Nearly one-half of the Tech students attending the basketball games are cut off from the cheerleaders. Even if both sections were cheering, their combined effect does not come close to equaling any cheers from a unified pep section. The Carroll game proved this. The band should be moved across the floor to add to the effort. After all, they are part of the student body too.

Also, the band has been missed greatly at both the somecoming bon-fire and the basketball game in Twin Bridges. The band should have traveled with the team to Twin Bridges to add to the event. The game was highly successful in that many friends and supporters were gained by Tech that night. Unfortunately, some of the spectators do not know we have a band, let alone a good one. A trip to Twin Bridges would have been ten times better for our school than one to Western where our sole purpose is to embarrass the WMC pep band.



The AMPLIFIER has been called gross but take a minute and look about the Campus.

Biology a must

by Colleen Caron

Have you ever wondered about the value of the biology course at Montana Tech? It is now possible, through the help of Dr. Gless, to fulfill the biology requirements for a pre-professional student in a 3-credit, one-semester course. These credits will transfer to any unit of the Montana University System. The course, Biology 101, is general and non-laboratory; it deals with the scope of biology as a science.

If one wishes to continue in biology to complete the basic science requirements, he may take Biology 102, which offers a fundamental understanding of laboratory principles. He may also make up the lab requirement later in another phase of the Life Sciences.

After fulfilling the minimum prerequisites, the student may wish to continue and major in Biology or a related field. Further studies in the field include Microbiology, General and Systematic Botany, and General Zoology I and II. These courses prepare an interested student for teacher education, many fields of medicine, agriculture, entomology, forestry, fish and game management, conservation, zoology, and botany.

If one desires, further information can be obtained from Dr. Gless.

Letters to the Editor on any and all subjects are welcome and will be printed at the discretion of the editorial staff. Letters can be written under a pseudonym, but the author must be known to the Editor.

1620-II to work overtime

John McCaslin, professor and head of the department of physics and director of the Computer Center at Montana Tech, has received a National Science Foundation grant to conduct a summer Computer Conference for high school teachers on the Montana Tech campus.

The conference will be held during the last two weeks in August and will be financed by the \$7,495 grant.

"The object of the conference is to bring high school teachers to the Computer Center on campus and teach them computer programming," McCaslin said. "The teachers will then return to their respective schools and teach computer programming to their students."

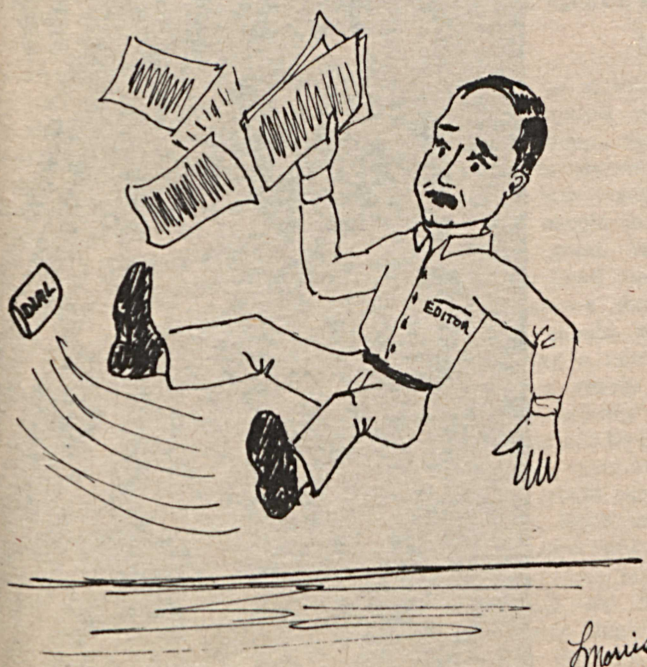
The conference will be similar to the one held last August when 33 high school math and science teachers attended a five-day Computer Conference on the Tech campus. It was also

funded by a National Science Foundation grant. So that the teachers would receive maximum benefit from their training, the Computer Center ran programs on the computer for high school students. Under this program, many high schools in the state have been using the facilities at the Computer Center at no cost. Last year the center ran several hundred programs for high schools in the state.

McCaslin said this workshop assists many high schools now making use of the Computer Center facilities and will allow several more high schools to start such a program.

Although last year's program was only five days long, this year's will last two weeks and allow 40 teachers to attend.

Any high school teachers in the state who are interested in attending the Computer Conference are asked to contact McCaslin at the Montana Tech Computer Center.



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Amplifier January feature girl



Mary Soret

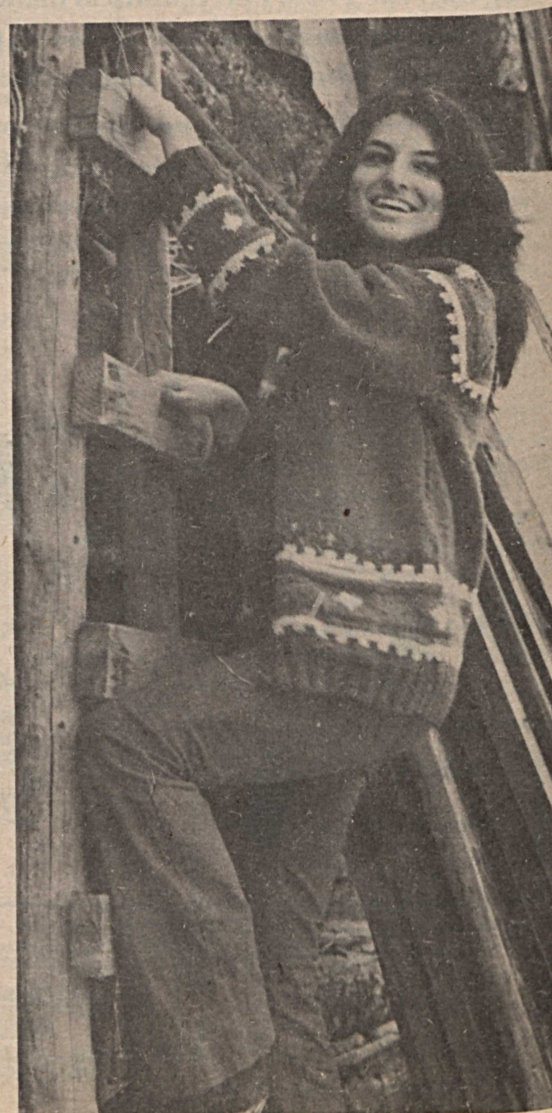
The *Amplifier* comes ushering in the new year with a lass from the land of Cinzano e Vino Superior. The *Amplifier* with a New Year's Resolution for bigger and better things in 69 is proud to present its January Feature Girl Miss Mary Soret. Mary, a Butte High graduate, is a freshman general student at Tech.

Discovered at the Columbia Riding Club, Mary confesses a great love for proud Arabian horses. She creates most of her own ensembles and plans to become a fashion designer after completing her year at Tech, and transferring out of state.

Our jet-eyed Miss January says she would like to start a Transcendental Club on campus under the promise that man's most important goal should be the realization of happiness. Mary who prefers the Blues and Soul to Hard Rock disavows any connection with the flower children.

The *Amplifier* proposes that when the tensions of finals mount, you take five and pick up your *Amplifier* and gaze through its pages. Now don't you feel relaxed already.

—Arrivederci!



THE MUTATION MARCH

A poem dedicated to Dr. E. E. Gless

46 Chromosomes led the big parade
With 23 in the ol' haploid stage;
And they marched right in.
Thanks to my fertiligin
With our genes of every shape and size.
46 chromosomes was the end result,
As the sperm wallowed in through the gook
And at last we met eye to eye
Linking our pronuclei,
It looked like a picture in a book
There were blastula and gastrula most everywhere
Metabolic, diabolic things were going on.
Chiasma and cross-over took the prize,
As the number of polar bodies was on the rise.
46 chromosomes is now our little kid,
And although he generally looks like you.
Due to your X and my Y
He has different colored eyes
And from all three all he ever does is cry.

by Publius Sapiens
Taken from the Phoenix vol. LXXVII No. 2

BIO-KINETICS LONG KNOWN IN GEOLOGY

by Eric Johnson

[Unabridged notes from
Minerology 201, D. Fisk]
Ionic Bonding—a, getting some-
thing from another; b, giving
up something to another; very
one-sided, where the victim
gives and the victor takes—
usually the female atom is
considered in the role of vic-
tim.
Covalent Bonding—more reward-
ing than Ionic, though it in-
volves a form of commitment
through mutual sharing. Shar-
ing is covalent's mainpoint,
where mutual attainment, ful-
fillment, and compassion are
stressed.
Metallic Bonding—a very rare
form existing under very un-
usual circumstances. The pos-
sible case is where one atom,

usually female, through var-
ious metamorphoses, and
mental instability, believes in
behaving in a cold and dis-
concerted—inhuman manner
—resulting in a steel-hard
mental attitude and the de-
scription: "as cold as steel!"
This attitude reflects on the
whole composition and metab-
olism of this atom and she
become cold and rigid at the
very thought of any form of
bonding. This is because bond-
ing poduces heat and would
therefore warm a frigid com-
position—a phenomena strict-
ly guarded against by the
atom Fem Ale atomic weight
138), often considered a spe-
cies of humanoid because of
her metallic structure. Thus,

Metallic Bonding exhibits none
of Covalent's refined points,
and, should it be accomplish-
ed, offers little to the bondees.
A word of caution: in Metal-
lic Bonding, a heavy-duty
lubricant, such as axle grease
or STP, is essential to keep
the metal parts from wearing.
Author's Notes The additives to
produce Metallic Bonding are
in plentiful supply around the
Butte mines. Actual Metallic
Bonding, however, is extreme-
ly rare and is generally pos-
sible only by a more involved
previous bonding, termed
Marriage Bonding, or Wed-
ding for short.
Van der Waals Bonding — in-
volves mostly inert elements
and atoms with an inability
to form bonds of the ionic,
covalent, or metallic type.
Consequently, the attractive
forces between the atoms are
quite weak. Van der Waals
Bonding is becoming rarer
with the close of several V.D.
Waals bonding establishments
on Mercury Street.

The instutionalization
of
Eric

by John McGinley

With the rising of the sun,
came the rising of Eric the
Rudd. It was not the same Eric
of yesterday but a revitalized,
believing Eric. His muscles
surged with institutional power,
his eyes were bright with the
light of Institutionalism and his
underarms were dry.
Now it was time to make the
necessary pre-game prepara-
tions. Heat pounding wildly, he
reached into his drawer and
pulled out his most sacred pos-
session—an "Olympic Drinking
Team" sweatshirt. Eric was go-
ing to a kegger! Truly he was
a regular two-fisted guy.
"Eric, you old s.o.b." said
the gang at the kegger, "You
really are a regular two-fisted
guy." It made Eric so happy to
hear these words, that he single-
handedly drank four gallons of
the magic liquid in the keg.
What a time it was! Having all
his friends passed out next to
him made Eric the happiest
person in the whole world. But
there was work to be done—
duty called.

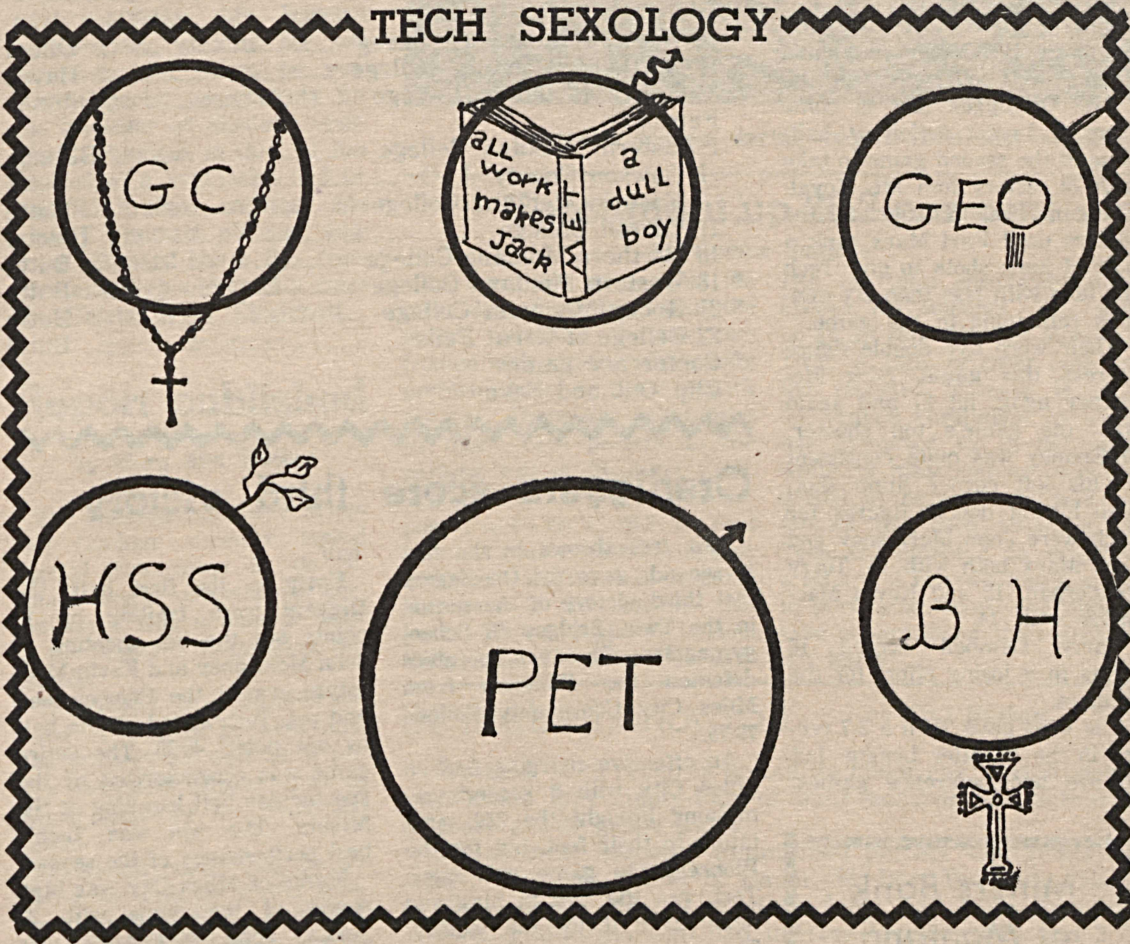
It was almost game time. Eric
jumped to his feet and fell on
his ass (see first installment in
the issue before last). Recover-
ing slowly, Eric and his friends
staggered to their cars and
raced madly to the Fleet Bowl,
where the team was just warm-
ing up for the big game.
What a sight it was! There
were 400 fans drinking, 30 mu-
sicians playing, 22 players exer-
cising, 4 cheerleaders leaping
and a partridge in a pear tree.
And standing above them all,
singing the Institution Anthem
—"O, Mother Protector School
On The Hill"—was our hero.
Oh glorious, glorious day!!
Eric was finally INSTITUTION-
ALIZED!!

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TECH SEXOLOGY



SPORTS & ATHLETICS

by Dave Kneebone

A new year is starting and
since the announced resigna-
tion of Coach Braun, everyone
is attempting to second guess
the choice of a new coach. Let's
hope that the people in power
will exercise great care in
choosing a new head coach. Al-
though time seems short, the
administration should keep in
mind that hiring a new coach
could become a yearly affair.
Let's also hope that any and all
outside pressures will be ignored.
Last spring we were told that
spring football would cure all of
our football ills. Because of this
foolhearty prophecising, Tech
did not field a track team and
sadly neglected its baseball
team. As a result, this year the
baseball team did not get a
badly needed pitching machine
and the track team, if there is
one this year, does not even

have a foundation to build on.
The money that last year was
funnelled into spring football
should be spent more wisely
this spring. While the early grid
ion drills should not be discon-
tinued, they should not take
precedence over the baseball
and track squads.

Was all of this haste and pres-
sure successful? The propo-
gandists say so. It was, if it is
compaed to the 1967 season.
Compared to the 2-3-1 record of
1964 thought, the advent of 'em-
phasized' athletics has so far
been a dribbling failure. The
large expenditures by both the
ASMT and Boosters did not pro-
duce results that have not been
witnessed here in recent years.
The situation will improve, but
it will take many years and
above all patience.

Gun registration
yes or no

by Dave Kneebone

The Amplifier Sports Section
is conducting a public opinion
poll concerning the national is-
sue of gun controls. All students,
faculty, and staff members are
asked to participate by submit-
ting their thoughts to the Am-
plifier Sports Section by placing
their ballots in the suggestion
box on the first floor of Main
Hall across from Prof. Taylor's
office.
Everyone's opinions on gun
registration, licensing, confi-
scation, or any other aspect of
the controversy are solicited.
Results of the suvey will be pub-
lished in the Amplifier as will
some of the ballots. All material
submitted will become the prop-
erty of the Amplifier.

HOLY THURSDAY 1967

by John McGinley

I walked up through my childhood
To our old family grocer's place
There in a shadow of past,
I played once more with friends.
The same oily mud in the alleys,
Some hopeless, static faces
Once it was good to be there.

My older brother is working nearby—
Mending our mangled front door
I'd tell him all about it
But he'd never understand
(About flea-ridden dogs, dust-covered Fords
And our unmendable door.)

Mother is watching a soap opera and
Doesn't see the grey skies
Number six son is out in the back
Learning how to flip the bird.
The TV's blaring "drama" but
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Can you really stand pressure?

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Orediggers maul cougars twice

Montana Tech's Orediggers looking for their first wins of the season defeated Mount Royal Junior College twice 89-65 and 76-70 in non-conference tilts at the Tech gym.

In the first battle the men from Tech held a 47-25 lead at half and never had any worries from then on. Coach Lester virtually substituted every player on the team into the game, and everyone scored.

Nick McEnaney, the 6-5 freshman from Butte, led all scorers with 21 points. Three other men in double figures for Tech were Kevin MacIntyre, 14, Pat O'Brien, 11, and John McEnaney, 10. O'Brien also hit 9 of 10 from the charity line.

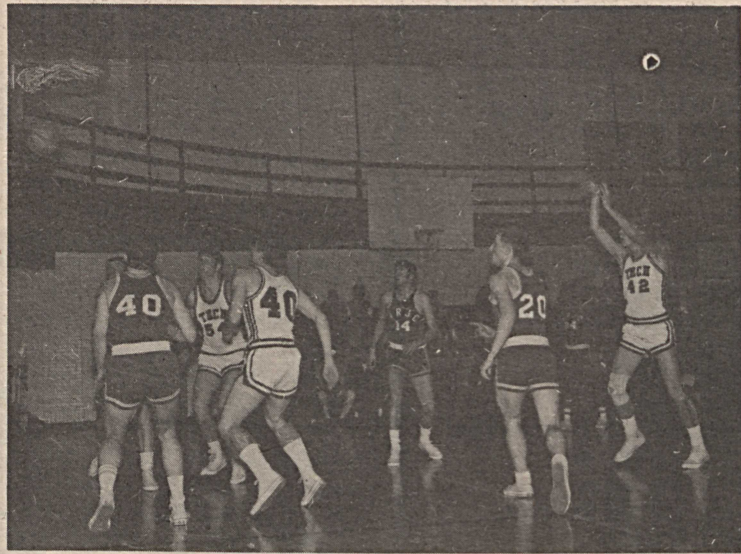
Hitting high for the Canadians were Bill Magierowski and John Powell both with 17 points.

The Orediggers had to come from a 1-point deficit at half-time of the second game to take a 76-70 victory from Mt. Royal. The game was in danger for the Miners until Earl Marx sank a pair of jump shots to give Tech the lead with less than six minutes remaining in the game.

They were five double figure scorers this game. Nick McEnaney again hit 21 and again was the game's top shooter. McEnaney was quite consistent on his left corner jump shot. Also hitting double figures for Tech were John McEnaney and Earl Marx both with 10, Terry Vanderpan, 12 and Kevin MacIntyre with 14.

Carry Cambell scored 16 points in a losing effort for the Cougars.

The wins gave Tech a 2-7 record in the Frontier League but all are non-conference games.



Tense moment in a game with Mount Royal

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January		
* 14 Western Montana College	.....	Dillon
* 18 Northern Montana College	.....	Havre
* 31 Rocky Mountain College	.....	Billings
February		
* 1 Eastern Montana College	.....	Billings
7 Dawson County J. C.	.....	Butte
* 8 Eastern Montana College	.....	Butte
* 11 Carroll College	.....	Helena
* 15 Northern Montana College	.....	Butte
* 18 Western Montana College	.....	Butte
* 21 Rocky Mountain College	.....	Butte
22 College of Great Falls	.....	Butte
* Conference games		
Clip Out and Save		

Orediggers score third victory

Two free throws in the last 15 seconds gave the Orediggers their third victory of the season in the Twin Bridges Hi School gymnasium. The Tech hoopsters defeated the Pioneers from Miles City Community College 78-75.

An offensive charging foul on Miles City with 8 seconds remaining brought the 250 spectators to their feet, but for the Pioneers the game was over. Tech put the ball in play and held on to it for the victory. The spectacular final seconds were only slightly more exciting than the rest of the final

half.

Early in the first half, the Diggers were trailing by 10 points but the hot shooting of John McEnaney and Kevin MacIntyre erased the Pioneer lead and put Tech ahead at the half by one point, 40-39. The entire game was characterized by the spectacular ball handling of the Miners. The win was Tech's best performance of the season.

Marks of Miles City was high scorer of the game with 28 points. John McEnaney was high man for Tech with 22 and Kevin MacIntyre followed with 16. The win gave Tech a 3-8 record.

Orediggers drowned

The Orediggers were solidly defeated by the College of Great Falls Argonauts 93-66 at the Argos' gym Jan. 4. The Argos had five men in double figures in their non-conference win.

High man for Tech was again Nick McEnaney with 19. Kevin MacIntyre was close behind with 17. The difference in the game was the Orediggers inability to hit from the field. The Miners hit 25 as compared to the Argos 37.

The loss left Tech with a 2-8 record, all in non-conference play.

The most popular sport

By far, the most popular and most participated in sport at Tech is big game hunting. It has gained acceptance among most factions at Tech including the faculty and coeds. The trend on campus resembles closely the national trend which is on the upswing. The supposed revelation supprizes no one since the students, fauctly, and the staff of Montana Tech remain close to their frontier heritage.

Hunter success was high among the Tech enthusiasts and can be attributed in many cases to the amount of time devoted to the stalk in addition to the familiarity of the successful hunters with game habits. With some married students, both deer and elk comprise a large part of their diets. The frontier tradition of hunting to provide for one's family still exists at Tech.

Hunting does have a lighter side such as found by Dr. Jack Goebel and Tim Flynn. Flynn was driving to Wise River for a day of hunting when a deer ran into the side of his Volkswagen, fatally injuring itself. Dr. Goebel was accompanying Prof. Al Nelson on a late morning hunt of the Tebay Springs rear when Mr. Goebel, upon seeing a buck, assumed a sitting position in a cactus patch, causing numerous puncture wounds to posterior. Incidentally, he got the deer.

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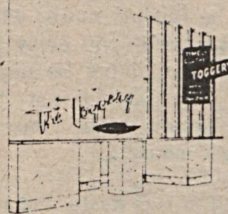
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